

## MRS. CHRISTIE TOUGH ON STAND

Wife Accused of Wholesale Transgressions to Be a Witness in Husband's Divorce Suit To-Day.

### ONE SUMMER AT AMENIA.

Law Students Shadowed Wrisley for Mrs. Wrisley and Swear, They Saw Him Exchange Signals with Mrs. Christie with Matches.

"Oh, dear! The worst is yet to come!" exclaimed Mrs. Christie, the beautiful and stately blond-haired wife of James H. Christie, the prosperous lace merchant, who is defending herself, with the aid of Frederick B. House and Samuel S. Koenig, against forty-eight accusations of infidelity in their counter-attacks for divorce.

"The worst is yet to come. I must go on the witness stand to-day and take the cross-examination of Mr. Christie's lawyers."

Mr. Christie names Wells H. Wrisley, twenty years his pretty wife's senior, in thirty-odd charges, and Harry Sisson, a chubby youth from Poughkeepsie, in the rest. When he brought suit he specified Wrisley's "private office" in a big department store, but afterward amended, dropping all those charges and substituting his own home in the fashionable Elise apartment-house at Seventh and Eleventh streets as the scene of the transgressions of the mother of his two children.

Edward Max, a man of thirty-three years, who was elevator boy at the Elise, is the main witness against Mrs. Christie thus far, telling about Wrisley's wife coming to the Christie apartment to look for her husband one night when Wrisley is alleged to have run down the fire-escape.

It was expected that the charges connecting Mrs. Christie's name with young Mr. Sisson would be brought to the front to-day.

**Doings at Amenia.**  
Frank P. Meade, at whose hotel in Amenia, Dutchess County, Mrs. Christie was a guest in the summer of 1899, testified that she was absent at frequent intervals, sometimes for a period of a fortnight. She told Meade once she was going home to the city to can fruit.

When she first went to Meade's she was accompanied by her sister and two children.

Once, in August, 1899, she returned from the city with Wrisley, and after he left, Meade said, he often mailed letters for Mrs. Christie addressed to Wrisley. These letters were in envelopes bearing Wrisley's address in typewriting.

Once Wrisley and Mrs. Christie were out for a drive. Wrisley was ill when they returned, and Meade said his fair companion called him a "drunken fool."

**Co-respondent Number Two.**  
"Who is Harry T. Sisson?" suddenly asked the lawyer.

It was the first time that young man's name had been mentioned in the trial, and his owner, who had been apparently somnolent in a tack seat, aroused himself.

"He is an auctioneer in Poughkeepsie, twenty-five miles from Amenia," said Meade. "He was a guest at my house in 1899, when Mrs. Christie was there. Her children and their nurse slept up in the cupola. Mrs. Christie had a room on the first floor, after sister slept in the extension."

"Meade said the chubby Sisson and the tall and stately Christie danced and supped together at the County Fair, that year, in Washington Hollow."

"We started at 10 o'clock," said Meade. "We had waited for Sisson and Mrs. Christie. We blew a horn for them and found them in the hall. Wrisley was the hotel at Washington Hollow within sound of that horn?" the lawyer asked.

"It was," said Meade calmly and judicially.

Mr. Koenig made vigorous objection because it referred to a charge in the specifications, but Justice Burke allowed it to stand as evidence as to the relations of the parties.

**It Was "Harry" and "Beatie."**  
Mr. Meade said this was the Danbury Fair of 1900, and that Sisson and Mrs. Christie left the rest of the party and went to Danbury to see the fair.

Sisson always addressed Mrs. Christie as "Beatie" and she called him "Harry."

Meade said Mrs. Christie came to the city July 3, 1899, and remained several weeks, leaving her sister, the children and the nurse behind. This covered the period during which Mrs. Christie, the elevator boy at the Elise, plans the fire-escape episode.

Mr. House, cross-examining, brought out that the chubby Sisson was best man at Meade's wedding; they have been chums for many years, and Sisson was his guest at the time of his alleged flirtation with Mrs. Christie. He introduced Sisson to Mrs. Christie at the Poughkeepsie Fair.

Meade said one of the children slept with her mother the first season, both in 1900 and 1901. That Mrs. Christie had a sprained ankle in 1900, walking on crutches at first, but he did not think her sister was in the same room to take care of her.

Hertert S. Murphy, of No. 119 West Fifteenth street, a student of the same law, testified that in 1900, when Mrs. Christie lived at No. 37 West One Hundred and Nineteenth street, he and Robert Webster, another law clerk, visited the neighborhood nearly every night from March to May to watch Mr. Wrisley.

"We could see into Mrs. Christie's windows from Morningside Park. I saw her and Wrisley together in the park and on the streets of Harlem nearly every night."

"Wrisley used to sit in the park. He would meet Mrs. Christie, sometimes at midnight or later. Sometimes as they walked he had his hand on her hip. He seemed to be under the influence of liquor at such times," said witness.

Mrs. Christie, under cross-examination, then blushed angrily at this.

"They had signals," continued the "law clerk." "He would strike a match, light his cigar and then wave the lighted match up and down. Then she would come out into the park."

**"Shadowed" for Mrs. Wrisley.**  
Murphy said his law firm, acting for Mrs. Wrisley, sent him to shadow Wrisley and that a member of his firm is brother to Mr. Christie's lawyer.

Robert J. Webster, law student and associate of Murphy in shadowing Wrisley, corroborated him. He said Wrisley nightly signalled with a lighted match, and Mrs. Christie's answering signal was waving a lighted taper in her window.

**Robs Ex-District Attorney.**  
Ex-District Attorney Hiram A. Steele, of Kings County, is mourning the loss of his watch and chain.

## PRINCIPALS IN COUNTER-DIVORCE SUITS IN WHICH MANY TRANSGRESSIONS ARE CHARGED.



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## SVENCAL HELD FOR SHOPLIFTING

W. C. Dudley, Accused by Virginia Lampson of Hypnotizing Her to Steal, Is Placed Under \$1,000 Bonds to Grand Jury.

### MYSTERY IN HER DISCHARGE.

Although Twice Arrested for Same Offense, with Trunks Full of Property, Department Store Managers All Refuse to Prosecute Her.

William C. Dudley, arrested with Virginia Lampson, charged with shoplifting, and whom Mrs. Lampson accuses of hypnotizing her into theft, was arraigned in Jefferson Market Court to-day, charged with the larceny of a silver candlestick, valued at \$250, from the Gotham Silver Manufacturing Company. Magistrate Barlow held him in \$1,000 for the Grand Jury.

Dudley said he was an advertising man and never left his rooms before 1.30 o'clock in the afternoon. The alleged theft is said to have been committed at 1.30 P. M. Mrs. Lampson, who was discharged on Monday, no one making a complaint against her, tearfully corroborated Dudley's statement. Lawyer Lowenstein in behalf of Mrs. Lampson requested Magistrate Barlow to issue an order to the police to return to the woman the trunks and contents seized in her room when she was arrested.

Detectives Rein and Becker assured the Court that with the exception of certain pieces of jewelry that Mrs. Lampson admitted to have taken from Sherry's and Delmonte's, for the owners of which they were now looking, everything would be returned. Although Mrs. Lampson declared when arrested that she would do all in her power to have Dudley punished and was glad of the opportunity, since her discharge she has hung around the court waiting for his arraignment and to-day was in court before 8 o'clock. When discharged the woman declared that she would go home to her child, in Washington.

She has been arrested for the same offense once before. The last time she was arrested four trunks full of property were found in her room. For some reason every department store firm interested positively refused to prosecute her and she was discharged. This happened the first time, too.

## GETS NO MONEY OF MILLIONAIRE

Justice O'Dwyer Sets Aside Jury's Verdict of \$1,341 Damages for Mrs. Kathleen Gannon from John Goodwin.

### SAID HE ATTACKED HER.

Judge O'Dwyer, of the City Court, has set aside the verdict of \$1,341 awarded by a jury before him to Mrs. Kathleen Gannon, against John Goodwin, a millionaire silk merchant of No. 27 West Twenty-third street, whom she charged with a breach of contract to employ her perpetually as a consideration for her refraining from exposing him after an affair with her.

The trial was a sensation of the day. Mrs. Gannon was employed by Mr. Goodwin as a nurse for his little boy, and the alleged assault was said to have occurred in the middle of the night at Goodwin's summer home at Hunter, N. Y., Aug. 3, 1901.

Mrs. Gannon testified that Goodwin, who is a small man, sixty-three years old, entered her room after he had been drinking, and started her out of a sound sleep. She said that on her promise not to expose him Goodwin promised to employ her the remainder of her life, but that he discharged her four months later.

Ex-Judge Joseph F. Daly was his co-counsel. She sued for \$20 damages. The jury awarded \$1,341, although Goodwin denied her story in every particular, and when viewed in comparison with Mrs. Gannon, looked small and feeble beside the muscular nurse.

In setting aside the verdict Judge O'Dwyer said:

"I find that Mrs. Gannon's testimony is not corroborated by other circumstance, witness or probability, and that the evidence is, therefore, oath against oath. Her story that a man who had taken liquor, of slight physique and sixty-three years old, attacked a robust woman of thirty-five years is a proposition when addressed to reasonable intelligence, that suggests the only improbable, but the impossible."

"The verdict delivered upon the sole credit of the plaintiff's testimony, and should be set aside."

The case will have to be tried again.

## NEW PAROCHIAL SCHOOL.

To Be Built for the Church of Our Lady of Good Counsel.

Plans have been filed at the Bureau of Buildings, Manhattan, for a four-story brick parochial school-house, to be erected by the Church of Our Lady of Good Counsel, on the north side of Ninth street, 20 feet west of First avenue.

It is to have a frontage of 100 feet and a depth of 38.5 feet, and an extension 20x31. The front will be of granite, brick and terra cotta. In the center is to be a large auditorium, with two balconies. Rev. J. M. Connolly is the rector of the church. P. A. Rose, of Rock's office, is the architect. The cost is to be \$100,000.

**Fatal Floods in Austria.**  
VIENNA, Jan. 7.—A score of lives have been lost in Austria as the result of the negotiations of the breaking up of

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